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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

FOLLOWING REPEATS THE HAGUE 1848 ACTION DEPT APRIL 11TH

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1848

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL

REF: THE HAGUE 1791

1. IN AMBASSADOR'S TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM THE HAGUE, DCM SAW FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AT NOON APRIL 11, AT VAN DER STOEL'S REQUEST, TO RECEIVE GON'S OFFICIAL REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 8 DEMARCHE.

2. VAN DER STOEL COUCHED HIS REMARKS IN FRAMEWORK OF EXCELLENT DUTCH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, WHICH HE EMPHASIZED SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED BY FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF KLM ISSUE. TO THIS END TRANSPORTATION MINISTER WESTERTERP, WITH VAN DER STOEL'S AGREEMENT AND SUPPORT, THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE US. WESTERTERP DEFINITELY DID NOT RPT NOT HAVE IN MIND A CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW FORMAL MEETING OF DELEGATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, WESTERTERP WOULD LIKE TO MEET A HIGH-LEVEL US OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DISPUTE. WESTERTERP WAS QUITE PREPARED TO GO TO THE US FOR THIS

CONTACT WITH A PREFERENCE FOR MEETING IN NEW YORK
SIMPLY TO SAVE SOME TIME FOR WESTERTERP. HOWEVER, ACCORDING
TO FONMIN MINISTER WESTERTERP WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET
IN WASHINGTON IF THAT WERE NECESSARY FOR THE US.
WESTERTERP DID NOT HAVE A FIXED DATE TO PROPOSE BUT
HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF THE END OF APRIL. HE WOULD EITHER
COME ALONE OR COME WITH ONE ASSISTANT.

3. IN ENDORSING HIS COLLEAGUE'S INITIATIVE, VAN DER STOEL
SAID IT WOULD BE MOST REGRETTABLE NOT TO REACH AGREEMENT
ON THE KLM ISSUE. REITERATING HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION
THAT THE LATEST US POSITION WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, VAN DER
STOEL APPEALED TO THE US TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY.
HE SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD
PERSONALLY DONE TO FIND A SOLUTION WITHOUT RANCOR BUT THE
LATEST US COMMUNICATIONS WAS UNFORTUNATELY A VERY SERIOUS
BLOW. IF THE US ADHERED TO IT, IT WOULD PRODUCE AN
EXPLOSION OF ANGER AMONG THE DUTCH PEOPLE AND THE
PARLIAMENT WHERE THE KLM ISSUE WAS A VERY SERIOUS ONE.
VAN DER STOEL AGAIN REFERRED TO THE F-16, NOTING
THE VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO IT BEING EXPRESSED AT THE
LABOR PARTY CONGRESS AND INDICATING THAT THE GON WOULD
HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE STATE OF THE KLM DISPUTE
IN REACHING A FINAL DECISION ON THE F-16.

4. DCM SPEAKING PERSONALLY THANKED VAN DER STOEL FOR
THIS NEW DUTCH EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT
OF THE KLM DISPUTE AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT
WD TERTERP'S PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.
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